

# Spark Gap

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## On Our MARC...

If you were with us for the December meeting you got to see our annual MARC year-in-review video produced by Jack Parker. Thanks to Jack for chronicling our busy year and to all of you for such a successful 12 months. Now 2012 is past history and we are on to blazing new trails in 2013.

On Saturday, February 9th, the MARC will conduct another of its 1-day, Technician Licensing classes. As was the case for our two classes last year the roster filled quickly. It seems the word is out about our courses. Last year we were able to help over 35 people get their ticket. If you can spare an hour or so on Feb. 9, come join us around 5:00 p.m. to welcome a new group of amateurs, as they finish their testing. I know they will enjoy meeting you.

To support our newly-minted hams, the MARC will sponsor a "Now What Do I Do?" session at our February 16th meeting. We hope to have a number of you bring in your handhelds, mobiles, and other equipment for an amateur radio "Show 'N Tell." We hope to be able to offer some guidance on how to select that all-important first radio, first antenna, etc... We also hope to be able to use our radio room to get our new members on the air. If you would be willing to bring in some equipment, or help in other ways with this event, please let one of the officers know. Also, if Santa left a new radio under your tree this Christmas and you have an old, but still serviceable unit that you would be willing to sell to a new ham, let us know that too.

If you've wanted to attend a CERT Class (Community Emergency Response Team), one will be offered on Feb. 16 and 17 at the Johnson Co. EMA. Contact Tim White at 507-8360 or [timwhite\\_sr@comcast.net](mailto:timwhite_sr@comcast.net) to sign up.

Don't forget to join us for our January meeting on the 19th. The coffee will be perking!

Bob - KC9NJM  
President

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

A new year has begun for our club and we will do our best to provide our members with good activities as well as amateur radio programs and speakers.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2013 please see Jackie at the meeting and she can keep your dues current. Your membership and involvement in MARC is important.

# M.A.R.C. 2012

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our December 2012 club meeting had all the trimmings of a holiday party. Thanks to several club members we experienced a cornucopia of breakfast soufflé's, fruit salad, donuts and of course, coffee. Ron Koons, W9TEO brewed up two large carafes of home roasted beans. Our club coffee addicts were in coffee heaven.

Santa Bob, KC9NJM, came through with a bag full of presents including LED flashlights, hand tools and ham radio surprises. The tables full of door prizes were contributed by Bob and Steve Ellis.

Despite the cold temps nearly three dozen club members filled the room with good cheer and a truck load of laughs. Jack, W8ISH, wrapped up the year with a music video using pictures taken by him and club members at all the activities.

Our new repeater trustee, Steve Brown, N9LC, brought the house down with a Jib Jab video using faces of all the club officers. Steve is now our official Jib Jab creator.

Many thanks, to everyone who made our holiday breakfast meeting a great success.

-w8ish

*Ed. Note: You had to be there to appreciate the Jib Jab video, it was hilarious. The breakfast was excellent, thanks to Jack, Dee Dee and all the cooks..*

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Tool Guy



Steve and his daughter



Ron and Dee Dee tell jokes



Mike solder



K9THR has new batteries





Good chow



Bill a winner!!!



Chris and his new meter

..... Pictures by Jack W8ISH



**Tug accepting the Lifetime Membership Award from MARC President Bob**

## **Tug Sutton Honored**

Outgoing Johnson County EMA director Tug Sutton has been honored for his commitment to Amateur Radio and the welfare of Johnson County residents. At the December 2012 MARC meeting he was presented with an engraved Jade green trophy and honored with a Lifetime membership by club President, Bob Jones, KC9NJM.

Over the past decade Tug has endorsed our club activities and worked to secure state and federal grant dollars for the RACES radio room. In February 2011 he joined the ranks of Indiana county Emergency Management Directors by earning his Technician Class license and call sign, KC9OQY.

We wish him well in retirement and look forward to having Tug as a regular club member.

-w8ish



Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, is now a silent key

January 15, 2013

The telling of sad news is never an easy thing. I'm writing to you this evening to inform you that one of our fellow hams and TARA members has passed away.

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, is now a silent key. He has been a very active ham in this area for many years, an ARES member since its inception, an active TARA member, a net control for the Hamtivity Net, and involved in a number of community efforts. His presence among us will be missed.

Details about the arrangements are not yet available, but please consult local news outlets in the next day or two for more information. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

73

K9HER, TARA President

Note: Ernest was the treasurer of the TARA. Just saw him at the meeting last week. He was the past president of Midstates ARC.

Ed. Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association (TARA) Lafayette, Indiana

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## New Johnson County EMA Director

Stephanie Sighting Promoted

Long time EMA Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Sighting has been named Emergency Management Director for Johnson County. She follows in the footsteps of Tug Sutton. Stephanie spent several years as Admin Assistant before being promoted to the Assistant EMA Director position.

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## 2013 Indiana Hamfests

**04/13/2013**

### Columbus Hamfest

**Location:** Columbus, IN

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Columbus Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.carcnet.org>

**04/20/2013**

### North Central Indiana Hamfest

**Location:** Peru, IN

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Cass County ARC, Miami County ARC, Grant County ARC, & Kokomo ARC

**Website:** <http://nci-hamfest.net>

**There will be more to come.....**





# MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, [www.midstatehams.org](http://www.midstatehams.org), for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or be a member of the club.

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**WA9RDF**  
**Repeater**  
**146.835/**  
**146.235 MHz**  
**151.4 Hz PL Tone**

**Club Officers:**  
**President: Robert Jones – KC9NJM**  
**Vice President: Jack Parker – W8ISH**  
**Secretary: Rhonda Curtis – WS9H**  
**Treasurer: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG**  
**Repeater Trustee: Steve Brown – N9LC**

**Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS**

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